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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 079713 ACTION BONN, INFO BRUSSELS  
EC BRUSSELS, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, LONDON, LUXEMBOURG,  
PARIS, GENEVA, DUBLIN 19 APRIL 1974. QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM  
SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MINISTER SCHEEL IN HIS CAPACITY AS  
PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. LETTER SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: IN YOUR MESSAGE TO  
ME OF APRIL 2 YOU DESCRIBED THE ACTION OF THE EC COUNCIL  
TO EMPOWER THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO  
TAKE THE DECISIONS NECESSARY FOR A SOLUTION TO THE LONG-  
STANDING ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND THUS TO AVOID  
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WAITING FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION IN MAY. WEHWELCOMED

THIS ACTION. IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR COUNCIL'S DECISION, I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE APRIL 25 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES MEETING WILL DEVELOP A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PROPOSAL FOR RESOLVING THIS IRRITANT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE UNITED STATES. ANY FURTHER DELAY CAN ONLY INCREASE THE POTENTIAL DANGERS.

IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO THIS TIME SCHEDULE, THE POLITICAL DECISION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO SPECIFICS BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE, THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION HAVE NOT MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE DIFFICULTIES AT THIS LEVEL ARE NOT SURPRISING. THIS IS REALLY A MATTER, AS THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED, OF POLITICAL WILL. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT THE OUTLINE OF A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT PROVIDED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE IN HIS MARCH 25 LETTER TO SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL AS PROVIDING A REASONABLE BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WITHOUT POSITIVE POLITICAL GUIDANCE IT WILL BE HARD TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OF THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN OUR REACTIONS NEXT WEEK. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.  
END TEXT.

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